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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a one-month extension of time in which to submit this Response to Office Action. This extension extends the deadline for submission until January 17, 2010. The payment of the fee for this request is made by credit card authorized concurrently with the submission of this response.



David N. Lathrop

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the office action mailed September 17, 2009 (referred to herein as "Office Action").